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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SUMMARY: CYPRUS FOREIGN MINISTER CONSIDERING APPEAL TO FIVE PERMANENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO REVERSE TURKISH CREATION OF FACTS IN OCCUPIED ZONE. WE SOUGHT TO DISCOURAGE THIS. FOREIGN MINISTER TRANSMITS AIDE MEMOIRE TO PRINCIPAL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WARNING AGAINST DEALINGS WITH SELF-PROCLAIMED, AUTONOMOUS TURKISH ADMINISTRATION (ATA).
END SUMMARY.

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2. CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES OCTOBER 29 ASKED

FOR MY PERSONAL VIEWS ON AN IDEA HE HAD BEEN MULLING OVER BUT NOT YET DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT CLERIDES: GOC LETTERS TO FIVE PERMANENT SC MEMBERS ENUMERATING ASPECTS OF TURKEY'S "CREATION OF FACTS" IN OCCUPIED ZONE AND ASKING THEM ACT TO REVERSE THIS TREND. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID HE FELT GOC COULD NOT REMAIN INACTIVE IN FACE OF TURKISH MAINLAND MOVES ON CURRENCY, BANKING, TRADE, TOURISM, AGRICULTURE, AND EFFORTS WIN RECOGNITION FOR "AUTONOMOUS TURKISH ADMINISTRATION".

3. I STRONGLY COUNSELED CHRISTOPHIDES AGAINST SUCH A MOVE. TO DRAW ATTENTION OF OTHER NATIONS TO ACTIONS CONSIDERED IMPROPER BY GOC WAS ONE THING; TO REQUEST SUPPORT OF POWERS SUCH AS SOVIET UNION AND CHINA IN UNDOING THESE ACTIONS WAS QUITE ANOTHER. AS CHRISTOPHIDES HAD BEEN MADE AWARE IN NEW YORK, USG FELT THAT TO ENLARGE THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATION BEYOND THOSE MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED WOULD PRODUCE MORE RHETORIC THAN ACTION. CHRISTOPHIDES' PROPOSAL, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD GIVE SOVIET UNION A BASIS TO SAY THAT IT HAD BEEN EXPLICITLY INVITED IN BY GOC. THIS WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL. I ASSUMED CYPRUS DEBATE IN UNGA WOULD PRODUCE A RESOLUTION GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF GREEK POSITIONS. THIS WOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT GOC NOT BEING IDLE. IF GOC CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT ALSO TO STIMULATE GREATER INTERNATIONAL FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTHERN ZONE WHICH IT CONSIDERED OBJECTIONABLE, THIS WAS FOR IT TO DECIDE. BUT INVITING BROADER INVOLVEMENT WOULD, IT SEEMED TO ME, BE CONTRARY TO GOC'S OWN INTERESTS.

4. CHRISTOPHIDES PROMISED TAKE MY PERSONAL COMMENTS INTO CONSIDERATION BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER.

5. FONMIN HANDED ME CONFIDENTIAL AIDE MEMOIRE DATED OCTOBER 29 SAYING THAT VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TEXTS GOING TO OTHER PRINCIPAL MISSIONS IN NICOSIA. AIDE MEMOIRE (TEXT BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT, EUR/SE) NOTES TURKISH EFFORTS OBTAIN RECOGNITION OF "AUTONOMOUS TURKISH ADMINISTRATION", CAUTIONS MISSIONS TO AVOID ALL REPEAT ALL ACTS WHICH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS IMPLYING RECOGNITION, AND ADVISES THAT CONTACTS WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP BE "VERY CAREFULLY RESTRICTED" LEST A PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM BE JEOPARDIZED. IN
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HANDING ME THE AIDE MEMOIRE, CHRISTOPHIDES SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT THIS EMBASSY HAD BEEN SCRUPULOUS IN AVOIDING ACTIONS WHICH COULD LEND FLAVOR OF OFFICIAL RECOGNITION TO AUTONOMOUS TURKISH ADMINISTRATION. HIS LANGUAGE HAD BEEN INTENDED TO LEAVE US SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO CONTINUE TO TRANSACT NECESSARY BUSINESS IN OCCUPIED ZONE.
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